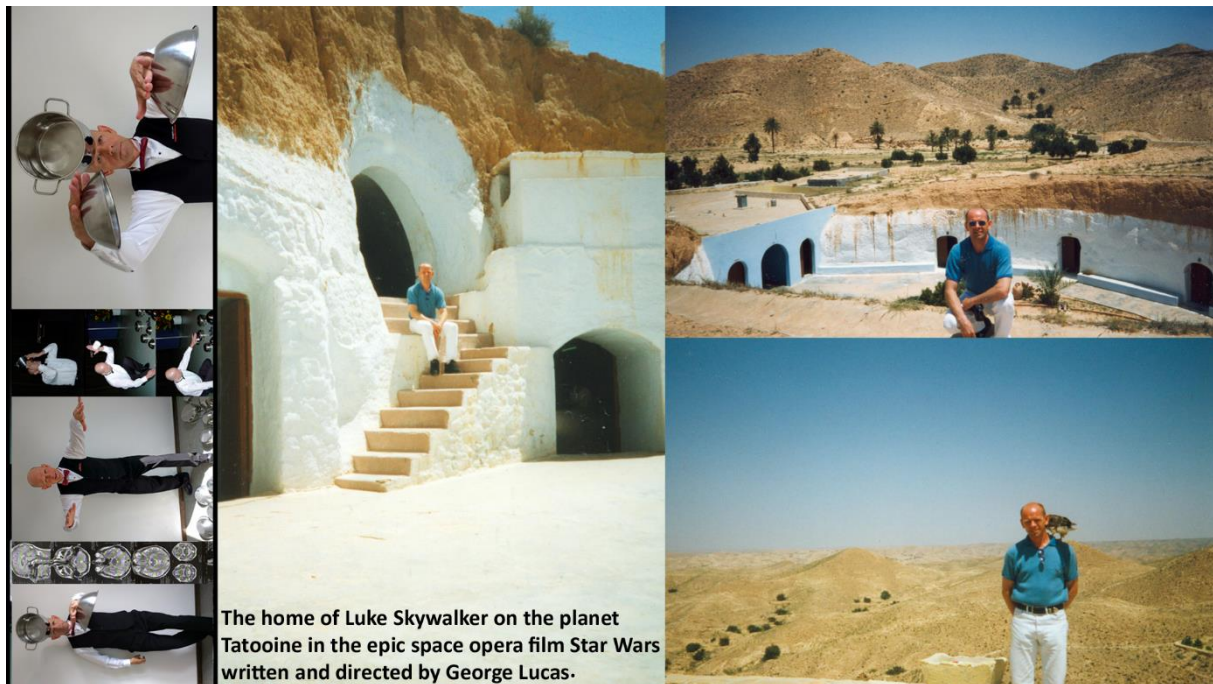


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George Lucas is a four-time Academy Award nominated American film and television writer, director, and producer. He is best known as creator of the epic Star Wars saga and the archaeologist adventurer character Indiana Jones. From 1977 to 2005, he served as co-writer and executive producer of all six Star Wars films, as well as director for four of the films. He also appeared in a cameo role in Star Wars: Episode III Revenge of the Sith.

George Walton Lucas enjoy a friendship with another film director Steven Spielberg and that has resulted in collaborations on films including the Indiana Jones movies Raiders of the Lost Ark. Lucas was nominated for four Academy Awards: Best Directing and Writing for American Graffiti, and Best Directing and Writing for Star Wars. He also received the Academy's Irving G. Thalberg Award in 1991. He appeared at the 79th Academy Awards ceremony in 2007 with Steven Spielberg and Francis Ford Coppola to present the Best Director award.

Besides his directorial and production work on movies, Lucas is one of the most significant contemporary contributors to modern movie technology. In 1975 Lucas established Industrial Light & Magic (ILM) in Van Nuys, California, which was responsible for the invention of the special computer assisted camera crane "Dykstraflex" that was used for most of the space fight sequences in the Star Wars movies (technology which was later adopted by most other visual effects production units, such as those responsible for Battlestar Galactica, considered very similar to Star Wars by many and Star Trek : The Next Generation.

George Lucas sold Lucasfilm (and franchise rights) to The Walt Disney Company.